ARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) According to available information, 1104 police personnel have been killed during the years 1989, 1990 and 1991 (till 15.11.1991).

(b) Adequate steps have been initiated to counter the designs of the militants.

Withdrawal of Army from Assam

553. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to any Press reports emanating from Assam for the withdrawal of army from Assam; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The army has been deployed in Assam in aid of the civil authority at the request of the State Government and the situation is under constant review.

Meeting of National Integration Council

554. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the issues that wese discussed at the recent meeting of the National Integration Council; and

(a) what are the issues that were discussed at the recent meeting of the Babri Masjid-Ramjanambhoomi issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Communal Harmony: Ram Janama Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue.

(b) The enclosed Resolution was passed which is given in the statement. It was also agreed that a Standing Committee of the National Integration Council will be set up.

Statement

Resolution adopted by the National Integration Council at its Meeting held on 2nd Novembebr, 1991 at New Delhi.

The National Integration Council views with deep concern the deterioration in the communal situation in the country during the last two years, which have witnessed increasing communal tension and serious incidents of violence leading to heavy loss of life and property. Along with the continuing activities of terrorists and militants in certain parts of the country, communal animosity can seriously undermine the national unity. The Council reaffirms the resolve of the people to resolutely meet any challenge to the country's unity and integrity and its secular democratic polity.

The Council noted that one of the factors which has added immensely to the build-up of communal tension is the Ram Janma Bhumi-Babri Masjid dispute. The Council expressed its concern at the recent happenings in Ayodhya and hoped that such situations will not recur.

The Ram Janma Bhumi-Babri Masjid dispute has continued to evade a satisfactory solution. The Council appeals to all concerned parties and organisations to work towards an amicable, negotiated solution of the dispute in a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding.

The Council noted the following assurances given by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh:

(i) All efforts will be made to find an amicable resolution of the issue;

(ii) Pending a final solution, the Government of Uttar Pradesh will hold itself fully responsible for the protection of the Ram Janma Bhumi — Babri Masjid structure;

(iii) Orders of the Court in regard to the land acquisition proceedings will be fully implemented; and

(iv) Judgement of the Allahabad High Court in the cases pending before it will not be violated.

The Council welcomed the invitation given to it by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh to visit Ayodhya on any suitable date.

The National Integration Council calls upon all concerned, including the political parties, religious leaders, the media and other organisations, to act with restraint and in a manner that will promote harmony and goodwill between all communities. Everyone must make efforts to desist from words or deeds that are likely to inflame communal passions or give encouragement to disruptive forces. Indian society is traditionally marked by a spirit of tolerance and respect for each other's faith. This spirit should continue to guide our thoughts and actions. The Council appeals to all people to maintain peace and tranquility and create an atmosphere conducive to the satisfactory settlement of the Ram Janma Bhumi-Babri Masjid dispute.

शराब पीने के कारण हुई मौतें

555. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत एक वर्ष के दौरान दिल्ली में जहरीली शराब पीने के कारण कितनी मौतें हुई ; और

(ख) इस प्रकार की जहरीली शराब के विक्रेताओं के नाम क्या हैं और सरकार ने उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम एम० जैकब) : (क) 1 नवम्बर, 1990 से 26 नवम्बर, 1991 तक की अवधि के दौरान "कर्पूर आसव" नामक विषाक्त आयुर्वेदिक औषधि के सेवन से 199 व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई ।

(ख) उक्त विषाक्त औषधि का उत्पादन करने वाली फर्म, नामतः, मै० करनाल फार्मेसी, मुरादनगर, गाजियाबाद के मालिकों में से तीन को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया है और एक मालिक फरार है।

Compensation to Farmers for Damage of Sugarcane Crop

556. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Punjab, security forces have to keep some bullet proof tractors to reach and search different remote areas like sugarcane fields and during search operation in sugarcane fields, the crops are damaged as a result thereof;

(b) if so, what are the details of such search operations during the last three years, year-wise and the areas where the incidents took place; and

(c) what is the amount of compensation, if any, given to the farmers on that count during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.